

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

This following list of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the above-identified application:

### **List of Claims**

- Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An adjustable base adapted for utilization with beds of different widths comprising first and second pairs of support brackets, each first and second pair of support brackets including first and second support brackets, said first and second support brackets of each pair being disposed in substantially parallel relationship to each other, said first and second support brackets of said first pair of support brackets being disposed in substantially aligned opposing spaced unconnected relationship with said first and second support brackets respectively of said second pair of support brackets, and each of said first and second support brackets of each pair of support brackets including means for effecting variable fastener locations whereby said first and second pairs of support brackets can be selectively variably spaced from each other to accommodate utilization with beds of different widths.
- Claim 2. (Original) The adjustable base as defined in claim 1 including means for interconnecting the first and second support brackets of each first and second pair of support brackets.

- Claim 3. (Original) The adjustable base as defined in claim 1 including means for interconnecting the first and second support brackets of each first and second pair of support brackets, and each of said interconnecting means includes an elongated member.
- Claim 4. (Original) The adjustable base as defined in claim 1 including means for interconnecting the first and second support brackets of each first and second pair of support brackets, and each of said interconnecting means includes a side rail.
- Claim 5. (Original) The adjustable base as defined in claim 1 including means for interconnecting the first and second support brackets of each first and second pair of support brackets, each of said interconnecting means includes an elongated member, and said elongated members are disposed in substantially parallel relationship to each other.
- Claim 6. (Original) The adjustable base as defined in claim 1 including means for interconnecting the first and second support brackets of each first and second pair of support brackets, each of said interconnecting means includes a side rail, and said side rails are disposed in substantially parallel relationship to each other.

- Claim 7. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 1 wherein said variable fastener locations effecting means is aperture means associated with each of said first and second support brackets.
- Claim 8. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 1 wherein said variable fastener locations effecting means is elongated aperture means associated with each of said first and second support brackets.
- Claim 9. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 1 including means for securing each of said first and second support brackets to a bed frame.
- Claim 10. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 1 including means for securing each of said first and second support brackets to a side rail of a bed frame.
- Claim 11. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 1 wherein each of said first and second support brackets is of a substantially identical construction.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 1 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially opposite end portions, said first and second support brackets first end portions each include means for securing said first and second support brackets to a bed frame, and said first and second brackets second end portions each include said variable fastener locations effecting means.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 1 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially vertically offset opposite end portions.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 1 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially vertically offset opposite end portions and a medial portion therebetween.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 1 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially offset opposite end portions and a medial portion therebetween defining a substantially Z-shaped configuration.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 1 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially vertically offset opposite end portions and a medial portion therebetween; and means between at least the medial portion and one of the offset opposite end portions of said first and second support brackets for reinforcing the same.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 1 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially vertically offset opposite end portions and a medial portion therebetween; and means between the medial portion and each of the offset opposite end portions of said first and second support brackets for reinforcing the same.

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 1 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially vertically offset opposite end portions and a medial portion therebetween; and means in the form of a substantially rigid reinforcing plate between at least the medial portion and one of the offset opposite end portions of said first and second support brackets for reinforcing the same.

- Claim 19. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 1 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially vertically offset opposite end portions and a medial portion therebetween; and means in the form of a substantially rigid reinforcing plate between the medial portion and each of the offset opposite end portions of said first and second support brackets for reinforcing the same.
- Claim 20. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 7 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially opposite end portions, said first and second support brackets first end portions each include means for securing said first and second support brackets to a bed frame, and said first and second brackets second end portions each include said variable fastener locations effecting means.
- Claim 21. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 10 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially vertically offset opposite end portions.
- Claim 22. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 20 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially vertically offset opposite end portions and a medial portion therebetween.

Claim 23. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 20 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially offset opposite end portions and a medial portion therebetween defining a substantially Z-shaped configuration.

Claim 24. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 20 wherein each of said first and second support brackets ~~includes~~ first and second substantially ~~offset~~ opposite end portions ~~and~~ are vertically offset with a medial portion therebetween; and means between at least the medial portion and one of the vertically offset opposite end portions of said first and second support brackets for reinforcing the same.

Claim 25. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 20 wherein each of said first and second support brackets ~~includes~~ first and second substantially ~~offset~~ opposite end portions ~~and~~ are vertically offset with a medial portion therebetween; and means between the medial portion and each of the vertically offset opposite end portions of said first and second support brackets for reinforcing the same.

Claim 26. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 20 wherein each of said first and second support brackets ~~includes~~ first and second substantially ~~offset~~ opposite end portions ~~and~~ are vertically offset with a medial portion therebetween; and means in the form of a substantially rigid reinforcing plate between at least the medial portion and one of the vertically offset opposite end portions of said first and second support brackets for reinforcing the same.

Claim 27. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 20 wherein each of said first and second support brackets ~~includes~~ first and second substantially ~~offset~~ opposite end portions ~~and~~ are vertically offset with a medial portion therebetween; and means in the form of a substantially rigid reinforcing plate between the medial portion and each of the vertically offset opposite end portions of said first and second support brackets for reinforcing the same.

Claim 28. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 20 wherein each of said first and second support brackets is of a substantially identical construction.

Claim 29. (Currently Amended) The adjustable ~~bed~~ base as defined in claim 20 wherein said bed frame defines a chamber within which said adjustable base is located, and an exterior of said chamber is defined by means for effecting a mattress appearance thereto.



Claim 30. (Currently Amended) An adjustable bed comprising a bed frame, an adjustable base supported by said bed frame, said adjustable base including first and second pairs of support brackets, each first and second pairs of support brackets including first and second support brackets, said first and second support brackets of each pair being disposed in substantially parallel relationship to each other, said first and second support brackets of said first pair of support brackets being disposed in substantially aligned opposing spaced unconnected relationship with said first and second support brackets respectively of said second pair of support brackets, each of said first and second support brackets of each pair of support brackets including means for effecting variable fastener locations whereby said first and second pairs of support brackets can be selectively variably spaced from each other to accommodate utilization with beds of different widths, bed-adjusting means supported by said adjustable base, and means for fastening said bed-adjusting means to said adjustable base utilizing said variable fastener locations effecting means.

Claim 31. (Original) The adjustable bed as defined in claim 30 wherein said variable fastener locations effecting means is aperture means associated with each of said first and second support brackets.

- Claim 32. (Original) The adjustable bed as defined in claim 30 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially opposite end portions, said first and second support brackets first end portions each include means for securing said first and second support brackets to said bed frame, and said first and second brackets second end portions each include said variable fastener locations effecting means.
- Claim 33. (Currently Amended) The adjustable bed as defined in claim 30 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially vertically offset opposite end portions.
- Claim 34. (Currently Amended) The adjustable bed as defined in claim 30 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially vertically offset opposite end portions and a medial portion therebetween.
- Claim 35. (Original) The adjustable bed as defined in claim 30 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially offset opposite end portions and a medial portion therebetween defining a substantially Z-shaped configuration.

Claim 36. (Currently Amended) The adjustable bed as defined in claim 30 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially vertically offset opposite end portions and a medial portion therebetween; and means between at least the medial portion and one of the offset opposite end portions of said first and second support brackets for reinforcing the same.

Claim 37. (Currently Amended) The adjustable bed as defined in claim 30 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially vertically offset opposite end portions and a medial portion therebetween; means between at least the medial portion and one of the vertically offset opposite end portions of said first and second support brackets for reinforcing the same, and said variable fastener locations effecting means is aperture means associated with at least one of said opposite end portions of said first and second support brackets.

Claims 38-39. (Cancelled.)

Claim 40. (Original) The adjustable bed as defined in claim 37 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially offset opposite end portions and a medial portion therebetween defining a substantially Z-shaped configuration.

Claim 41. (Currently Amended) The adjustable bed as defined in claim 37 wherein each of said first and second support brackets includes first and second substantially vertically offset opposite end portions and a medial portion therebetween; and means between at least the medial portion and one of the offset opposite end portions of said first and second support brackets for reinforcing the same.

Claim 42. (Withdrawn) A support bracket particularly adapted to support a bed component comprising a member having first and second opposite end portions and a medial portion therebetween, said first end portion including means for securing thereto one of a wheel and a caster, and said second end portion including means for effecting variable fastener locations to accommodate utilization with bed components of different sizes.

Claim 43. (Withdrawn) The support bracket as defined in claim 42 wherein said securing means is a female coupler for receiving therein a stem of one of a wheel support and a caster support.

Claim 44. (Withdrawn) The support bracket as defined in claim 42 wherein said variable fastener locations effecting means is defined by aperture means.

- Claim 45. (Withdrawn) The support bracket as defined in claim 42 wherein said variable fastener locations effecting means is defined by aperture means in the form of an elongated aperture.
- Claim 46. (Withdrawn) The support bracket as defined in claim 42 wherein said first and second portions are offset relative to said medial portions.
- Claim 47. (Withdrawn) The support bracket as defined in claim 42 wherein said first and second portions are offset relative to said medial portions and are in substantially parallel relationship to each other.
- Claim 48. (Withdrawn) The support bracket as defined in claim 43 wherein said variable fastener locations effecting means is defined by aperture means.
- Claim 49. (Withdrawn) The support bracket as defined in claim 43 wherein said variable fastener locations effecting means is defined by aperture means in the form of an elongated aperture.
- Claim 50. (Withdrawn) The support bracket as defined in claim 43 wherein said first and second portions are offset relative to said medial portions.

- Claim 51. (Withdrawn) The support bracket as defined in claim 43 wherein said first and second portions are offset relative to said medial portions and are in substantially parallel relationship to each other.
- Claim 52. (Withdrawn) The support bracket as defined in claim 48 wherein said first and second portions are offset relative to said medial portions.
- Claim 53. (Withdrawn) The support bracket as defined in claim 48 wherein said first and second portions are offset relative to said medial portions and are in substantially parallel relationship to each other.
- Claim 54. (Withdrawn) A support bracket particularly adapted to support a bed component comprising a member having first and second opposite end portions and a medial portion therebetween, said first end portion including means for securing thereto one of a wheel and a caster, said second end portion including means for effecting variable fastener locations to accommodate utilization with bed components of different sizes, and means for securing said support bracket to at least one of a head board and a foot board.

Claim 55. (Withdrawn) The support bracket as defined in claim 54 wherein said securing means is a downwardly directed hook for receipt in a slot of at least one of a head board and a foot board.

Claim 56. (Currently Amended) An adjustable base adapted for utilization with beds of different widths comprising first and second pairs of support brackets, each first and second pair of support brackets including first and second support brackets, said first and second support brackets of each pair being disposed in substantially parallel relationship to each other, said first and second support brackets of said first pair of support brackets being disposed in substantially aligned opposing spaced unconnected relationship with said first and second support brackets respectively of said second pair of support brackets, each of said first and second support brackets of each pair of support brackets including means for effecting variable fastener locations whereby said first and second pairs of support brackets can be selectively variably spaced from each other to accommodate utilization with beds of different widths, and means for securing said support bracket to at least one of a head board and a foot board.

Claim 57. (Original) The adjustable base as defined in claim 56 wherein said securing means is a downwardly directed hook for receipt in a slot of at least one of a head board and a foot board.

Claim 58. (New) An adjustable base comprising a bed frame; at least head, thigh and foot sections, means for selectively adjustably imparting movement to at least one of said head, thigh and foot sections; first support means for supporting said sections and said bed section adjusting means, second support means for supporting said first support means relative to said bed frame, and means for effecting variable fastener locations between said first and second support means to thereby accommodate at least one of said first and second support means for utilization with beds of different widths.

Claim 59. (New) The adjustable base as defined in claim 58 wherein said variable fastener location effecting means includes opening means in at least one of said first and second support means along which fasteners can be fastened at different selected relative positions between said first and second support means to effect utilization of the adjustable base with beds of different widths.

Claim 60. (New) The adjustable base as defined in claim 58 wherein said variable fastener location effecting means includes opening means in each of said first and second support means along which fasteners can be fastened at different selected relative positions between said first and second support means to effect utilization of the adjustable base with beds of different widths.



- Claim 61. (New) The adjustable base as defined in claim 59 wherein said opening means includes at least one of an elongated opening and a series of openings.
- Claim 62. (New) The adjustable base as defined in claim 58 wherein said second support means includes first and second support brackets having opposite terminal end portions, and said variable fastener location effecting means includes opening means in each of said terminal end portions.
- Claim 63. (New) The adjustable base as defined in claim 58 wherein said second support means includes first and second support brackets having opposite terminal end portions, and said variable fastener location effecting means includes elongated opening means in each of said terminal end portions.
- Claim 64. (New) The adjustable base as defined in claim 58 wherein said support means includes first and second elongated side supports having at each of opposite terminal end portions thereof a transverse support portion, and said variable fastener location effecting means includes opening means in each of said opposite transverse support portions.
- Claim 65. (New) The adjustable base as defined in claim 63 wherein said opening means includes at least one of an elongated opening and a series of openings.

- Claim 66. (New) The adjustable base as defined in claim 64 wherein said transverse support portions are disposed in substantially transversely aligned opposing spaced relationship to each other.
- Claim 67. (New) The adjustable base as defined in claim 64 wherein said transverse support portions are disposed in substantially transversely aligned opposing spaced unconnected relationship to each other.
- Claim 68. (New) The adjustable base as defined in claim 67 wherein said opening means includes at least one of an elongated opening and a series of openings.
- Claim 69. (New) The adjustable bed as defined in claim 67 wherein said at least one opening means is elongated.
- Claim 70. (New) The adjustable bed as defined in claim 67 wherein said at least one opening means is a series of openings.